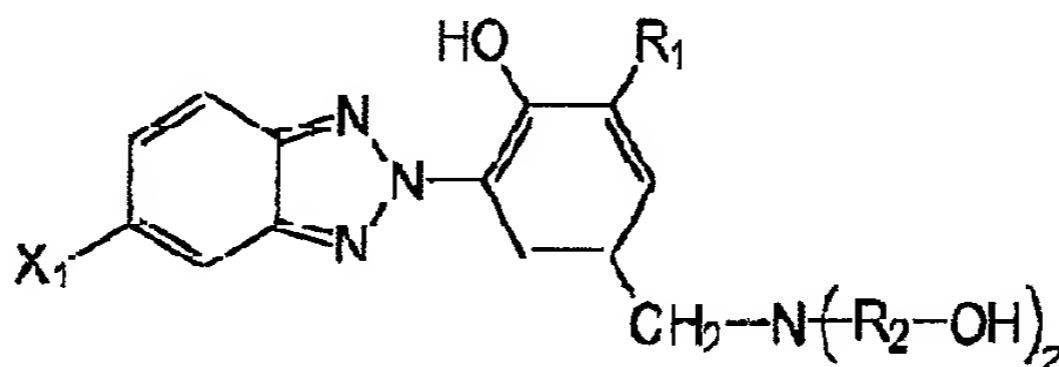


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ABSTRACT

The invention pertains to a process for the preparation of a novel UV absorbing diol of the general formula:



wherein R_1 is hydrogen, tert-butyl; X_1 is selected the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, tert-butyl and C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy; R_2 is C_1 to C_8 linear or branched alkyl.